

*“It’s Still
All About Jesus”*

Jesus Christ is the same
yesterday, today, and forever.

Hebrews 13:8



*St. Paul, Millington
2017 Annual Report*

Administrative Pastor

Rev. James R. Bruner
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Principal

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989-871-2280

Many thanks to everyone who
helped bring the Annual
Report to life!

Special thanks to Dale Higgins
for gathering the articles and
keeping us on track!
We appreciate your work!

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Annual Report of
Parish Activities

Membership and
Family Directory

2017

**St. Paul Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

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PARISH DATES & TIMES

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8AM-4PM

Friday 8AM-3PM

Church Secretary: Stacey Force

Director of Accounting: Diane Mills

Worship Services:

Saturday—7:30PM

Sunday—8:30AM & 11AM

Contemporary Service

3rd & 4th Sunday at 11AM

July/August

Saturday - 7:30PM

Sunday - 10AM

Holy Communion:

8:30AM - 1st & 3rd Sunday

11AM - 2nd & 4th Sunday

7:30PM Saturday, prior to 2nd & 4th Sunday

Meeting Days & Times

Voters' Assembly

February, April, June, August, October, &
December - 2nd Sunday at 1:30PM

Church Council

1st Wednesday at 6:30PM

Elders

4th Wednesday at 7:30PM

Please consult weekly worship folders, the monthly Messenger, and the website for additional information on these and other events. Please feel free to call the church office during business hours.

2018 Special Days and Events

February 14th Ash Wednesday

Lenten Services - 4PM

February 14, 21, 28

March 7, 14, 21

March 25th Palm Sunday

March 29th Maundy Thursday - 7PM + Comm.

March 10th Good Friday -1:30PM

Tenebrae—7PM

April 1st Easter Worship

6:30AM

8:30AM+Comm. & 11AM+Comm.

May 6th 8th Grade Confirmation - 11AM

May 13th 1st Communion - 11AM

June 10th 8th Grade Graduation – 8:30AM

Oct. 28th Reformation Sunday

Nov. 4th All Saint's Day

Nov. 22nd Thanksgiving Day - 10AM+Comm.

Advent Services - 4PM

Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12

Dec. 2nd 4PM Christmas Concert

Dec. 19th 6PM Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 24th 6PM Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 24th 9PM Candlelight Service

Dec. 25th 10AM+Comm.

Helpful Information

When entering the hospital: notify the church office the date and hospital you will be entering, or after being admitted, so the pastors may serve you while hospitalized. **Due to privacy laws, we are not always aware of member hospitalization.**

To request a prayer in church: call the church office with the specific request by Friday. For last minute, before-the-service requests, write the name of the person for whom the prayer is requested and the specific reason and give it to the officiating Pastor or elder.

To request a prayer from the prayer chain: contact Mrs. Lela Higgins at 871-3662.

To place flowers on the altar for church services: 1) reserve date by signing the Flower Chart between the church mailboxes; 2) call church office before noon on Wednesday for notice in the bulletin; and 3) order flowers from the florist of your choice, asking them to be delivered to the church by Saturday before 6:30PM. Flowers may be purchased for the altar (one bouquet), the side vases (two bouquets), the pulpit vase, or the lecturn vase. Only natural flowers and/or plants may be used in the chancel.

At the time of a death: contact the pastor immediately and he will help you make all arrangements. The church makes every effort to accommodate the needs of the family in planning funeral services. Arrangements for organ and vocal music are made through the pastor and Director of Music. If a luncheon is desired, the family should contact the church office or pastor with the anticipated number of family members and friends attending.

Baptisms: To schedule a Baptism, call the church office. Baptisms are normally scheduled in any worship service where Holy Communion is not scheduled. Private baptisms may be scheduled any time in the Memorial Chapel.

When unable to commune at church: call one of our pastors to request a private communion in your home. These are made on a monthly basis for as long as necessary.

Memorial Cards: Within the Lutheran Church it has been a custom for many years to honor departed family and friends with a memorial card, which involves a small donation to a favorite charity or fund of the congregation. Memorial cards are available in the church office.

To join St. Paul Lutheran Church: A person may join our parish by being baptized and through the Rite of Confirmation. Adult Instruction Classes are offered once or twice a year. Call the church office for exact starting dates and further information. LCMS members from another church may also transfer their membership into St. Paul.

When moving: inform the church office you are leaving and request a transfer of membership or release. Before requesting a transfer, be sure to contact the pastor of your new church and advise him of your intentions. Request a "transfer" to another Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. Request a "release" to any other church body. When resigning membership, inform the church office of your resignation in writing.

Address or Phone Number Changes: Please inform the church office of any changes.

Cradle Roll: Children baptized at St. Paul are automatically enrolled in our Cradle Roll. The child being baptized is given a Children's Picture Bible and the family has their picture posted on the board in the church hallway and has members pray for them. If questions, call Sherry Sebert 871-3084.

Books & CD Library: provides Christian books, videos and CD's for our members to use. It is located in the corridor leading to the narthex and church. The weekly church services are recorded on CD's for those unable to attend services. Contact the church office if interested in obtaining a CD.

Parish Hall, Projects Room or Pavilion Rental: call the church office. There will be a fee charged, depending on the use. The Projects Room is not available during the school year.

Off to college? Military Service? The congregation seeks to keep in touch with young people away at college or in the military service. Please notify the church office of the address away from home and help us to keep it current.

St. Paul Trust Investment Fund: is an opportunity to build the principal in an account and to enable the interest to fund church related projects. Investments are received anytime. Applications for funding are in the church office.

Parish Officers 2018

Executive Officers	Name	Exp	Term
President	Ed Sergent	19	T2
Vice President	Tim Keinath	18	T1
Secretary	Stacey Force	19	T1
Board of Education	Name	Exp	Term
Chairman	Jay Rodammer	19	T2
Member	Erin Schmändt	18	T1
Member (App)	Mike Hoard	18	n/a
Member	Kent Singer	19	T1
Member	Marci Draper	20	T1
Member	Jamie Fackler	20	T1
Board of Elders	Name	Exp	Term
Chairman	Glenn Brown	18	T1
Member	Steve Schultz	18	T1
Member	Keith Woolwine	18	T1
Member	Tim Brown	19	T1
Member	Kenny McKee	19	T2
Member	Tim Sergent	19	T2
Member	Armand Carmona	20	T1
Member	Dale Higgins	20	T2
Member	Jeremy Petzold	20	T2
Board of Evangelism	Name	Exp	Term
Chairman	Jan Snyder	20	T1
Member	Wayne Jaruzel		
Member	Olga Nims		
Member	Ron Nims		
Member	Heidi Woolwine	18	
Member	Kenton Gleason	20	T1
Board of Fellowship	Name	Exp	Term
Chairman	Dennis Weiss	20	T1
Member	Josh Cunningham	20	T2
Member	Pam Hanlin	20	T1
Member	Angie Ayotte	20	T1
Member	Matt Singer	20	T1
Member	<i>Vacant</i>		
Board of Finance	Name	Exp	Term
Director	Diane Mills	20	T1
Director-Elect	Connie Daenzer	20	T1
Memorials Treasurer	Lillian Sergent	19	T1
Member-at-Large (App)	Lorie Keinath	18	n/a
Budget Director	Gale Brown	20	T1
Head Teller/Bkkpr (App)	Luann Licavoli	n/a	n/a

Parish Officers 2018

Board of Social Concerns	Name	Exp	Term
Chairman	Lisa Mohr	20	
Member	Jan McKee	18	T2
Member	Barb Basset	19	
Member	Luanne Jaruzel	19	
Member	Shelli Lugg	19	
Member	Melissa Wagner	20	T1
Board of Stewardship	Name	Exp	Term
Chairman	David Ackerman	18	T1
Member	Dustin Sebert	18	T1
Member	Luke Platt	19	
Member	Michelle David	20	T1
Member	Chris Washburn	20	T2
Member			
Board of Trustees	Name	Exp	Term
Chairman	Jon Keinath	19	T2
Member	Ken Auernhammer	18	
Member	Tim Daenzer	18	T1
Member	Dusty Higgins	18	T1
Member	Mike Blue	19	T1
Member	Dan Brandle	19	T1
Member	Trevor Gleason	20	T1
Member	Dwight Keinath	20	T2
Member	Hans Schmändt	20	T2

The Committees - 2018

Historical (Elders)	Member	Exp	Term
Chairman	Clem Ill	n/a	n/a
Members	Ed Sergent, Steve Kern, Ron Johnson, Ken Ill		
Memorials (Council)	Member	Exp	Term
Chairman	Sharon Keinath	21	T2
Secretary	Sandy Weber	18	T1
Treasurer	Lillian Sergent	20	T1
Member	Dwight Keinath	21	App
Member	Carol Balley	19	T1
Salary & Personnel (Council)	Member	Exp	Term
Chairman	Tim Keinath	18	T1
Member at Large	Duane Weber	18	Annual
Member at Large	Shelley Shollack	18	Annual
Member at Large	Jim Weber	18	Annual
Director of Finance	Diane Mills	20	T1
Director of Finance-Elect	Connie Daenzer	20	T1
Budget Director	Gale Brown	19	T1
Finance Member at Large	Lorie Keinath	18	App
Education	Mike Hoard	18	App
Elder	Jeremy Petzold	18	App
Trustee	Hans Schmändt	18	App
Trust & Investment (Council)	Member	Exp	Term
Chairman	Dick Glady	18	App
Members	Mary Jane Shreve – Sec/Bookpr (App), Michael Kern – Treasurer (App), Roger Wendt (App), Ed Keinath (App), Diane Mills (Elected)		
Youth (Elders)	Member	Exp	Term
Chairman	Matt Ayotte	n/a	n/a
Members	Angie Ayotte, Connie Daenzer, Stacey Force		

A Word From . . .

Reverend James Bruner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here are two old jokes: [answers below]

1. How many Lutherans does it take to change a light-bulb?
2. Who is the only person who really wants change?

We all change over time. We can see change in our body shape, maturity, skills, and attitude.

The only person that has not changed is Jesus. "Jesus Christ is the same: yesterday, today and forever" Heb. 13:8. That means that He is consistent or faithful.

This report will show many of the things we accomplished in 2017. There are some areas that have not changed in approach and for good reasons. Thankfully, we continue to have a strong music ministry, compassionate care provided to many (through the Christian Care Committee, Stephen Ministers, Dorcas Lutheran Women in Mission, as well as the Giving Tree), and many other familiar projects. We continue to rely upon God's Word and the Sacraments to deliver to us His promises and good news.

There are other areas that have changed, because we wanted to do better in our service to God and those to whom He wanted us to bless. This report will also present some new ways of sharing the Word of Christ to all. It will show the changes for the good and some not so good. Whatever the change, we can have peace in knowing that Jesus will not change His promise to be with us always and to continue to send the Holy Spirit to help us (Matthew 28:20b, John 16:7). Our Savior is consistent and faithful. For this we are grateful.

Remember – you matter to God and to me,

Rev. James R. Bruner

"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:10-11

[Answers:

1. What? Change?
2. A baby with a wet/dirty diaper.]

Board of Education

Our school continues to be blessed with a dedicated staff. Carol Weber and Paul Schoenknecht were both recognized for their years of service to Lutheran Education. A call was extended to Paul Schoenknecht for principal and Christy Ostrander for teacher and St. Paul has been blessed to have both accept their call. Paul Mueller (8th grade teacher) left in June. Christina Rosencrats was hired to be the director of daycare and preschool teacher. Brenda Hoskey joined us at 5th grade teacher in August, 2017.

Significant efforts have been made to continue to improve the educational experience and share the love of Jesus Christ to all people. The student handbook was updated and approved. Brochures and yard signs were designed and printed in order to market the Lutheran education provided at St. Paul. In order to connect with families, the faculty set a goal to visit all school families prior to the school year. Sixth and seventh grade classrooms were merged for the 2017-2018 academic year. The staff has been preparing for accreditation with an anticipated visit in May 2018.

For a variety of reasons, the hot lunch program continues to serve fewer meals, requiring external support from donors in order to financially balance the program. Further discussion regarding the hot lunch program resulted in a survey for the parents and children of St. Paul. The BOE continued to work with the kitchen staff to ensure a healthy and viable hot lunch program.

Due to several challenges, the BOE decided to eliminate requirements of engagement in the Members Engaged in Mission program instituted in 2015. Recognizing the increasing cost of tuition, Grantparent funding was given to school families who applied in order to assist families in covering the costs of tuition. A small committee of church members worked prayerfully to be good stewards of the funds.

Enrollment for the 2017-2018 academic year was 140 Kindergarten-8th grade and 37 children in preschool.

Board of Evangelism

The board had the Water for the Weary Booth during the Millington Old Fashioned Days Festival. This is an opportunity for the community to see what St. Paul has to offer.

Board of Elders

The Board of Elders first would like to thank Phil Gordon for his years of faithful service to the congregation of St. Paul and our Lord God as he departs from the Elders board. We also welcome Armond Carmona who has filled his seat. We also thank Tim Sergent for serving as the chairman and look forward to serving with Glenn Brown as chairman moving forward.

2017 has been a busy year for the board. St. Paul Lutheran is presently serving or attempting to serve a baptized membership of approximately 2068, with a communicant membership of 1611. Even though our membership has grown over the past 10 years the worship attendance has declined by about 36%, to an average worship attendance of 306. This means only 15% of our baptized members attend worship on any given weekend. This is a troubling trend for the board and we are continually seeking solutions to this difficult struggle.

The departure of Pastor Abatelli has also presented some additional challenges concerning the workload of Pastor Bruner. Certain elders have been taking on more responsibility in the area of visitation and larger roles in the church services such as Bible readings. We have been assisting the guest preachers and helping with Bible studies. In order to properly fill the vacancy, we decided to implement a self study in which many lay members were involved through surveys and collection of historical and present data for use in the study. The study has revealed some new and interesting results, along with some things we have known for a while. Based on this, the elders have convened a call committee with the intent on calling a pastor, preferably with family life background and training. We feel such a person would fit well with our intentional focus on family life to hopefully drive a more active membership which would allow us to better fulfill our mission statement.

On a bright note, our core membership have been very good stewards of the blessings God has poured out on us. Our annual budget is looking very good and the building projects are being paid in a timely fashion. It has been also reported that we have had over 1200 visits by non members in worship this year. Many, of course, visiting more than once.

The elders have also changed our policy regarding funerals. We now have provisions for anyone in our community wishing for a Christian funeral for themselves or family members who profess Christ as their Savior, to be able to hold the funerals at St. Paul and or be served by our pastor. We feel that this is an important mission which we want to pursue.

The elders have reviewed and amended the job descriptions for all of the staff which our board is responsible for. Thanks to a lot of work by Jeremy Petzold.

The Elders decided to offer a part time position to the area retired pastors to see if we can get some help for Pastor Bruner until a called pastor can be installed. This will be a contract for 6 months for 20-25 hours per week. Hopefully this will be accomplished January of 2018.

It has been decided to keep the schedule of Advent and Lent services to be held at 4:00 pm with no service at 7:00 pm as in the past. This was due largely to the 7pm service only being attended by persons working to provide the service. We will continually review this policy in the years to come in case something should change to prompt holding the later service.

Finally the Board of Elders would like to thank all of the people who help to make this mission of God possible in Millington, Michigan. Thank you, Pastor Bruner and Karen, for all you do above and beyond what is required. Thank you, Stacey Force and Diane Mills for your tireless work in the church office. Thank you to all of the sextons, ushers, altar guild, greeters, acolytes, musicians, trustees, janitors, and anyone else I have forgotten who help make our worship and mission possible.

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Respectfully Submitted By Tim Brown

Board of Trustees

Installed keyless entry to Parish Hall door.

Striped parking lot on east side and front of Activity Center.

Changed insurance carrier for better coverage and lower costs.

Had new carpet installed in the pastors' offices.

Installed new projector for the church.

The Ingersoll riding mower and walk behind mowers were sold to help offset costs to repair the Kubota zero turn mower.

Changed pastor cell phone contract to Thumb Cellular.

Replaced water softener for school water supply.

The Board of Trustees would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the many volunteers who assisted with the completion of these and various other projects throughout the year.

Building Committee Report

Jan. 1, 2017 mortgage balance: \$915,196.07

Dec. 31, 2017 mortgage balance: \$764,804.74

Building Fund savings on Jan. 9, 2017 was \$66,975.37

Building Fund savings on Dec. 31, 2017 is \$27,666.77

Interest rate is 2.25%

Salary and Personnel

Feb 20th

- Worked on job descriptions
- Discussion of contracts for contracted teachers
- Discussed employee's higher health care costs not enough information from employees and not all avenues for reimbursement were pursued
- Discussion and motion to accept recognition schedule presented by Jeremy Petzold. Motioned - passed.

March 20th

- Approved minutes
- Opened discussion on health savings accounts
- Reviewed job descriptions

April 10th

- Met with Keith Mueller from Lutheran Benefits Group
- Discussed health savings accounts and future increased health care insurance premiums

April 25th

- Discussed budget, levels of increases for salary and hourly
- In favor of \$500 increase for salary if pledge drive and budget allow - Factored in 6% health insurance increase
- Approved minutes from 3-20-17 and 4-10-17

June 5th

- Approved minutes
- Health insurance price increase of 4.6% received and will be reflected in the budget
- Motioned to begin process of hiring a church bookkeeper, discussion followed, motion passed
- Job description for youth assistant was turned in

June 10th

- Approved minutes
- Steve Kern reported that Diane Mills had volunteered to do bookkeeping again. If we do that, saves \$15,000.00.
- Motion passed to raise the wage of athletic director to \$175 per month starting in July 2017

June 22nd

- Discussed Mr. Mueller severance package
- Discussed upcoming issue of employee/spouse turning 65, how it affects benefits
- Payroll schedule with housing allowance included for calling pastor, will be worked on at future meeting

Submitted by: Timothy Keinath

Board of Social Concerns

In January 2017 Pam Ill resigned. We still have 6 members: Jan McKee, Sue Eilers, Lisa Mohr, Shelli Lugg, Luanne Jarzel, Barbara Bassett.

At the January Council meeting it was suggested to ask the Congregation for donations to help with the lunches we are packing for the Saginaw Rescue Mission. A congregation member requested money for fuel oil this month.

The Giving Tree project helped 16 families, 43 different children. We planned a Craft Fun Day/ Crop for February 18, 2017.

In February, our Craft/Crop day went well. We set a day for another Craft/Crop on October 28th. The Crop/Craft money raised was donated to MMA.

We pack lunches every month the Friday after the first Saturday at 1:30 in Kitchen. Added new account for Mission lunches so anything donated will go straight into this account.

Social Concerns signed up and hosted one of the Lenten Soup Suppers. We had a Taco Bar. Everyone pitched to help.

We again this year hosted the Baby Bottle Boomerang which starts on Mother's Day and bottles are returned by Father's Day. We raised \$825.71 for Positive Alternatives in Caro. Thank you so much, St. Paul, Millington!

We were given the approval to fix up the Multi-Purpose room in May. The floors will be redone and then we can paint. This was on hold because in October Board of Trustee's wanted to switch Nursery and Multi-Purpose room.

As of September, Shelli Lugg will oversee the packing of lunches for Rescue Mission.

In the Fall we held a drive to help the Community Center in Millington. We collected a car load of diapers, vegetables, hair care and body care products, paper towels and more. Generous giving by our congregations!

We had the Fall Craft/Crop Workshop on October 28th. The whole committee pitched in and helped. We were not able to get a Thrivent card, so we contacted local vendors and pitched in. We were able to raise 1,146.10 at the crop which allowed us to give \$1,000 to the General Fund.

This December, we enjoyed helping Wellspring services and our local community with the Giving Tree. We donated a van load of items to Wellspring Lutheran Services. Willard and Carolyn Petzold delivered them again this year. We had helping wrap Giving Tree gifts by the youth group.

Submitted by Lisa Mohr
New Chair of Social Concerns as of January 2018

Memorials and Gifts

The Memorials Committee made some much needed updates in 2017. You may notice changes in our financial reports from the 2016 Annual Report compared to the 2017 Annual Report.

We have streamlined the Memorials to better steward funds to meet the needs of both the church and school. There are now four types of Memorials people may designate funds to: Church General Fund, School General Fund, Building Fund, and Undesignated. By restricting donations to one of these four groups, we are able to meet more needs throughout the church. Any board or church member can request funds from the Memorial Undesignated account and the committee will evaluate the need, then process the necessary paperwork. As an example: we recently found an altar chalice with a crack. Altar vessels are not a budget item, so the General Fund was not an avenue that could be tapped for the money. The Board of Elders submitted a request to Memorials to purchase a new chalice and matching ciborium for around \$1,300. We had the funds and we now have a new set of vessels.

Specific needs of the church can be met through Memorials by placing the funds in the Undesignated and then placing a request from Memorials to have that need fulfilled. If you have any questions regarding this updated procedure, please contact me at 989-871-4809 or cell phone 989-529-2513. You can also call the church office who will pass any messages to me.

-Sharon Keinath

Valley Lutheran High School Students

Freshmen

Sophomores

Joshua Allen
Abby Brown

Juniors

Corey Daenzer
Zac Maas
Pierce Force
Sterling Force
Mason Lugg
Katherine Weber

Seniors

Tyler Bentley

Youth

The Youth Room was remodeled thanks to money from Trust & Investment. Along with the remodel came a new rebranding of youth group names. We're also trying to start "Spark" for the 3rd through 5th graders.

The new place to meet is called "The Forge" and the metal artwork on the wall shows it.

Impact - 9th-12th graders

Ignite - 6th-8th graders

Spark - 3rd - 5th graders

High School Youth Nights were held on Sunday nights from 6-8PM with Bible Studies, games, and snacks. Just a few of the things we did were: Escape Room, Nerf Wars, Scavenger Hunt, Card Games, Go Carts, Bon Fire, & Make Your Own Pizza.

In June, we had our 3rd annual BBQ to welcome the 8th graders to the High School Youth Group. We served hot dogs, played 9 Square in the Air and other games, and had a friendly game of volleyball with the kids vs. adults.

We had our annual overnight Camping event in July. Many activities planned throughout the night and lots of food.

Pool Party at Katherine Weber's in August.

The Jr. Youth did some new things this year too:

Bowling, Servant Event, Jr. Gathering in Frankenmuth

One Friday a month after school (Jan. through May), Pastor Abatelli led a devotion and then just hung out playing games.

We also had some combined Jr. & Sr. Youth Events:

-Pizza party

-Made cookies for the shut-ins and watched a movie afterwards

- In August we had a Movie in the Gym Night for Junior and Senior Youth - Had a good time lounging on couches and floor mats, eating popcorn and snacks.

- We also held a Car Wash in August - HUGE success! Washed 123 vehicles - including the Millington Police car! Busy all day, but well worth it. Raised over \$2,000!

- We went to the Frankenmuth Corn Maze in October- went through the maze and then on a hayride. We returned to St. Paul for cider and doughnuts.

- In October we hosted "Hall"-o-ween in the St. Paul Hallways. This was open to all children from St. Paul and the community. On Halloween, an hour before Trick or Treating in town, we passed out candy, prizes with a Christian theme, popcorn, and brochures. This was a great outreach.

- In December we went to Christmas at Crossroads. We had a great time on the train, carousel, and Ferris wheel! - We also helped wrap the Giving Tree gifts. After wrapping, we had a White Elephant gift exchange.

We look forward to continuing this ministry and are always looking for new volunteers to help. At this time, we are also looking for a few people with a passion for the youth to lead the youth nights. Please call the church office to find out where you can help.

Congregational Chairman - A Year in Review from the Voters' Assembly Meetings

January 8, 2017 - Special Meeting

- Distribution of the Ferber Family Gift was decided. After much discussion it was moved and supported to give the employees a 5% increase with no cap. An amendment was moved and supported to have a cap of \$1500.00. Amendment defeated. Motion to accept Option 3 of 5% with no cap for 26 people and \$500.00 for each pair of sextons. Motion carried.
- Paul Schoenknecht was called to be Principal.
- Jake Petzold made a presentation to Voters' to amend the Constitution of St. Paul that "no future building project may be undertaken while a current building debt exists, unless that project can be funded in its entirety before work begins. If no current building debt exists, the congregation must first raise, at least, 20% of the total estimated project cost.

February 12, 2017

- New funeral policy presented.
- The Michigan District is raising funds in conjunction with the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation "Here WE Stand" Campaign to be held in the Breslin Center at Michigan State University in October.
- Elders are looking into the same sex bathroom issue.
- Lutheran Schools Week is March 5-12. Theme: Upon the Rock. We thank John Petzold for the large rock in front of the school entrance, which is from the farm of the original school location in Arbela Township.
- Lutheran Schools Music Festival will be hosted by St. Paul on April 28th.
- VBS is planned for June 26-29 with a "Barnyard" theme and it will be a family Bible Study.
- We are in the planning stages of creating a Marketing Committee to promote St. Paul School.
- Trust & Investment presented two items for approval. Approved \$600.00 for computer and screen for school office, \$5000.00 for Youth Room remodel.
- Jacob Petzold presented a by-law change that would break the Board of Youth & Fellowship into the Board of Fellowship and the Youth would become a Committee operating under the supervision of the Board of Elders. Motion carried.
- Jacob Petzold made a second presentation to voters' to amend the Constitution of St. Paul regarding building projects.

April 9, 2017

- Pastor Abatelli thanked the congregation for giving him the privilege to share the ministry of the love and forgiveness of our Lord. Moved and supported to accept the release of Pastor Kirk Abatelli to Faith Lutheran Church, Oak Ridge, TN.
- Requests from T & I: \$2500.00 to remodel Multi-Purpose Room, 1672.00 to refurbish handbells, 500.00 for two scanners, 981.12 for new projector for Sanctuary, 1168.08 for new carpet in Pastors' offices. Approved.
- Accreditation is moving along. Jan Snyder plans to visit families with newborns and infants to share the love of Christ and encourage church and school. Received a grant for yard signs - they will be seen around town and in the area.
- Jacob Petzold made a third presentation to voters' to amend the Constitution regarding future building projects. Vote results: Yes-21 / No-15. Motion failed due to lack of $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote.
- Funeral Policy - we now have a contract.
- \$400 each went to Maylyne Wager, Bethany Daenzer, and Janette Keinath for mission trips.
- Christy Ostrander received her colloquy. Moved and supported to extend call for Teacher to Christy Ostrander.
- Chester Frank requested permission to purchase sewing machine for Dorcas quilters. It was decided he could donate the funds for the purchase.

June 11, 2017

- Moved and supported to give \$15,000.00 to Michigan District for Missions.
- Childcare/Latchkey director needed.
- Scrapbooking Crop in October will be used for a fundraiser to donate \$1,000.00 to the General Fund.
- Moved and supported to approve the 2017-18 Budget as presented with an additional \$1,000.00 included from Board of Social Concerns. Motion carried.
- June 5th, contracts signed for two contract teachers.
- Requests from T & I: \$660.00 for personal computer for school office, \$62.99 for Digital Depository and Cash Drop Safe for School Office. Motion carried.

August 13, 2017

- Trip to Breslin Center for "Here We Stand" discussed.
- Explanation of teaching positions and moves. Moved and supported to make Non-tenure Call to Brenda Hoskey. Motion carried.
- Moved soccer field southeast of school.
- Halls have been painted.

October 8, 2017

- Moved and supported to approve Pastor Bruner's request for CEF Home Mortgage increase of \$30,000.00.
- Teresa thanked all who helped with Walk, Learn, Pray. Paul thanked Teresa for all her hard work.
- Accreditation is ongoing. Enrollment is K-8:103, PS:36.
- Discussion on what will be done with parsonage.
- Locker room exhaust fan replaced, water softener to be replaced. Working on dish washer in kitchen.
- Wet ceiling tiles in stairwell to balcony was discussed.

December 6, 2017

- Rev. Gailan Walther discussed some topics of the Congregational Self Study Survey with Council and Elders on Nov. 8th. He will present the completed survey to the congregation on Dec. 10th at 3PM.
- Giving Tree has 26 children and 8 families. Willard and Carolyn Petzold will deliver gifts to Wellspring.
- Accreditation completion by April with the team here in May.
- Called to have District Treasurer check our procedures. Preliminary verbal report is we are doing in the appropriate manner and checks and balances are in place. Will send written report.
- Checking security of building as no fire alarms in Sanctuary area and all calls do not reach area of the church.
- Installation of new officers will be Jan. 7, 2018.
- Historical Committee working on St. Paul's 125th Anniversary in 2022. At that time the mortgage will be paid off so we will be debt free and celebrating the 125th year of God's grace!!

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a system through which members of St. Paul are trained and organized to help provide Christian caregiving to members of our congregation and community. This will multiply the amount of caring ministry St. Paul can provide by giving us a whole team of skilled caregivers who are equipped to bring Christ's healing love to people who are grieving, in crisis or experiencing other stresses in life. Stephen Ministry is based on the idea that all Christians are ministers. The responsibility for passing on God's love is for all Christians, not just for a chosen few. God has given us all gifts for ministry and called us to put those gifts to use. Stephen Ministry is a place where people with special gifts for caring ministry can use those gifts to bring Christ's love to people in need. We have many needs for care in our congregation and community: people experiencing divorce, grief, a terminal illness, loss of a job, relocation, an empty nest, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness, and many other stresses or challenges. Often people with needs suffer silently or do not request or receive the level of care they really need. With only one pastor for a congregation our size, you can quickly see why it would be impossible for our pastor to meet every single need of every single person.

Stephen Ministry expands the care St. Paul can offer by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care. This gives us a larger pool of people with the gifts, skills and calling to bring Christ's love and care to those who most need it. We currently have 13 active Stephen Ministers, as well as 4 Stephen Ministry Leaders who have received additional training through the Stephen Ministry headquarters in St. Louis, MO. In October of 2017, we started a new Training Class with 5 members. After 50 hours of training, these 5 members will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers on Sunday, March 11, 2018. We ask that you fervently pray for all of our Stephen Ministers and their care-receivers. To request the care of a Stephen Minister or for more information on Stephen Ministry, please contact Laurel Woodward, Paul Schoenknecht or Pastor Bruner.

Christian Care Committee

Being the hands, feet and voice of Jesus is the belief of those who are involved with the Christian Care Committee. Through their ministry of love, care and compassion the committee serves the needs of those who are hospitalized, shut-in, new members, newborns and their parents, and those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. New to our ministry this year is serving at the City Rescue Mission of Saginaw by preparing and providing meals for those who reside at the mission. Through His Holy Spirit we are enabled to carry out this ministry of love. If you would have an interest in serving our Lord in this ministry, please contact Carol Weber or Paul Schoenknecht.

St. Paul Lutheran School

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7. School theme verse 2016-2017

Yearly Highlights

Every week we have the awesome opportunity to worship our Great God in a Chapel service on Wednesday morning. This service is conducted by a variety of individuals and groups. Everyone is invited to join us. The first Friday of each month is Spirit Day in which students and staff wear clothing supporting St. Paul.

January:

PTL Math Night
Valley Lutheran Staff Conference
PTL Fish Fry
Chapel Offering: St. Paul Building Fund

February:

Dads and Doughnuts K-2
Jump Rope for Heart
VIP Dance K-5
Bowling 5-8
Chapel Offering: Hearts for Jesus

March:

St. Paul Has Talent
Lutheran Schools Week
Book Fair
Kindergarten Round-up
Denim and Diamonds
Preschool Round-up
Chapel Offering: Comfort Dogs

April:

Family Life Size Game Night
Art and Music Fair
Lutheran Schools Music Festival hosted by St. Paul
Chapel Offering: Comfort Dogs

May:

Confirmation
Athletic Banquet
Family Literacy Night
8th grade First Communion
1st grade Flags from Lions Club
PTL Parent Recognition
6th-8th School Dance
Academic Banquet
Chapel Offering: Compassion Child

June:

Kindergarten Graduation
Last Day of School (God's Blessings Pastor Abatelli and Mr. Mueller)

8th Grade Graduation

Valedictorian - Val White
Salutatorian - Hannah Ill

Registration for 2017-2018

VBS *Down on the Farm*

July-August

Millington Old Fashioned Days
Staff Retreat
Home Visits
Teacher meetings and planning

September:

School Begins (Welcome Mrs. Hoskey)
8th grade Washington D.C. Trip
Super Sprint
Constitution Day
Chapel Offering: St. Paul Giving Tree

October:

6th grade Outdoor Education
School Pictures
Dads and Doughnuts 3-5 grades
Empty Bowls
Vision and Hearing Screening
1st grade Bible Presentation
Reformation Celebration
Chapel Offering: Valley Lutheran Student Aid

November:

Students shop at Dorcas Bazaar
Parent/Teacher Conference
Grandparent's Day
Chapel Offering: Grantparent Student Tuition Fund

December:

Christmas Concert
Book Fair
Children's Christmas Service *From Heaven Above*
Chapel Offering: Professional Church Workers Fund

During the 2017 school year, a major emphasis has been National Lutheran Schools Accreditation process. It is our prayer to complete this process by May of 2018 and become fully accredited.

School Mission Statement:

St. Paul Lutheran School is committed to engaging students with a comprehensive education grounded in God's Word to prepare them for a life in Christ.

School Slogan:

Committed to Christ

School Staff

Principal
Paul Schoenknecht
Preschool
Christina Rosencrants
Kindergarten
Tina Petzold
First
Teresa Walter
Second
Carol Weber
Third
Connie Singer
Fourth
Jessica Phillips
Fifth
Brenda Hoskey
Sixth/Seventh
Dawn Walton
Eighth
Christy Ostrander
Art/Computer
Alberta Guralczyk
Gym
Craig Stiff
Band
Shelby Shawl
Secretaries
Diane Leach
Terri Jo Keinath
Kitchen
Bonnie Gross
Sue Howay
Penny Younger
Reading Specialist
Lisa Bach
Custodians
Bill Weber
Roger Leach
Child Care/Latchkey
Director - Christina
Rosencrants
Jeannie Burke
Rebecca Haubenstricker
Alyssa Michalski
Mariah Rodriguez
Angela Tarrant
Penny Younger

School Music

Free Spirit Choir

5th Grade
Alexis Bruner
Hannah Cain
Megan Curtis
Jillian Fackler
Ella List
Anna Reinig
Zara Tuttle
Keira Wiacek
6th Grade
Olivia Bailey
Lydia Bruner
Carly Trinklein
7th Grade
Kailee Fackler
8th Grade
Danielle Ayotte
Paige Ayotte
Emily Bailey
Haley Cain
Emma Hoard

Jubilee Jr. Handbells

We have a very dedicated group of students in grades 5-8 who practice Tuesday mornings before school.

Danielle Ayotte
Paige Ayotte
Caleb Beyette
Emma Hoard
Ryan Keinath
Alden Rodammer
Jake Rodammer
Parker Rodammer
Peyton Schmandt
Qwill Schmandt

This year we performed at the Christmas Concert, two times during church services, and at the Art & Music Fair.

We are always looking for ringers at the beginning of each school year. Call Connie Rodammer if interested in joining.

Cantate Choir

3rd Grade
Maggie Cobb
Madilyn Draper
Carly Ehrmantraut
Grace Ehrmantraut
Jacob Fackler
Makayla France
Tala Kowitz
Derrick List
Maddison Matthews
Gianna Nitz
Hayden Rader
Leo Sandusky
Malachi Wager
Lyla Wagner
4th Grade
Joseph Bassett
Hunter Dennis
Kieran Ehrhardt
Angelina Knapp
Brady Petzold
Aliyah Raymond
Jack Reinert
Qwilleran Schmandt
Abigail Skouson
5th Grade
Caleb Beyette
Brandon Draper
Connor Hoard
Ryan Keinath
Sawyer Keinath
Reign Kowitz
Lonnie Muehlenbeck
Luke Petzold
Wyatt Reinert
Jake Rodammer
Parker Rodammer
Tyler Rude
Jordan Whitney

5th Grade Band

Caleb Beyette
Alexis Bruner
Hannah Cain
Megan Curtis
Brandon Draper
Jillian Fackler
Ryan Keinath
Sawyer Keinath
Reign Kowitz
Ella List
Lonnie Muehlenbeck
Luke Petzold
Jake Rodammer
Parker Rodammer
Tyler Rude
Zara Tuttle
Keira Wiacek

Cherub Choir

Kindergarten
Graycin Dever
Deklan Hager
Clay Jones
Rylie Mills
Cameron Nitz
Morgan Rader
Kylie Raymond
Gavin Schnittker
Reilly Spencer
Peyton Woolwine
1st Grade
Gavin Blue
Harlan Brown
Kolby Burkowski
Brynn Burrows
Claire Burrows
Braeden Dairympfle
Lucas Dobis
Nathan Draper
Carson Morse
Joseph Rudnik
Amelia Wagner
2nd Grade
Shane Burrows
Gracie Ellis
James Legue
Layne Neeley
Ian Stiff
Emily Tolbert
Austin Tonn
Brady Trinklein
Levi Tuttle
Chase Wiacek

Advanced Band

Danielle Ayotte
Paige Ayotte
Lydia Bruner
Haley Cain
Daniel Curtis
Joshua Curtis
Reese Ehrhardt
Mariah Ellis
Kailee Fackler
Emma Hoard
Nathan Phipps
Brandon Rude
Peyton Schmandt
Carly Trinklein

PTL

We incorporated many events for the students and parents this past year. New events included our Family Nights . . .we had Family Literacy Night with a camping theme, Life Size Game Night allowed students and parents to become the moveable pieces in many family favorite games. . .Chutes and Ladders, Hungry-Hungry Hippos, and Scrabble, to name a few.

We also continued a few favorite events, such as the VIP Dance for K-5th graders and the 6th-8th grade dance. Both of these events are co-sponsored by our Student Council.

Our Denim and Diamonds proved to be our big fundraiser this year. We moved the event to the Vassar Golf Course and a great night was had by all.

We had our second annual school fun run which included a bounce house to the obstacle course.

This year all the students were rewarded with a movie day for their hard work collecting donations.

We also brought back our school talent show. . .St. Paul HAS Talent. The 8th grade boys and Mr. Mueller proved to be a fan favorite with their dance moves. We had a total of 10 acts in this year's show.

Dads and Doughnuts and Moms and Muffins always are a popular event.

We said good-bye to our 8th grade parents at our May Meeting.

Field Day this last year included a "Survivor" style event for the upper grades. The students worked together to finish an obstacle course.

St. Paul Messenger

The St. Paul Messenger is a newsletter that provides our members with news about our church and school and the various activities and events that are happening at St. Paul. Each Messenger contains a message from the pastor, a list of memorials and gifts, church and committee news, school and youth events, a birthday page, the church calendar, and other articles as submitted throughout the year.

To save on postage, the Messenger can be found in the narthex or read online. Go to www.stpaul-millington.org. When you get to the website, find the School or Church Info drop down menu, go to Current Events and go to Newsletter or Messenger. If you need a copy mailed to your home, please call the church office.

The Messenger is sponsored by the generosity of individuals at St. Paul remembering or honoring a loved one or a special occasion. The cost is \$75.00 per month and sponsors are always needed. Call the church office to reserve a special month.

Cradle Roll

The Cradle Roll is a program which starts with the baptism of a child from newborn to 7 years old. Following their baptism service where they are brought and welcomed into the family of God and St. Paul through God's Word and Water, the Godparents and parents are presented a Children's Picture Bible which they are asked to share their personal message to their Godchild and then present to the parents. A picture is taken of the family and posted on the Cradle Roll Board in the hallway of the church. We encourage all to take the time to look at those young families and take the time to get to know them, share with them and walk with them in the Lord.

Children hold a very dear spot in the heart of our Lord. He repeatedly used them as examples for us when He said "let the little children come to Me..." (Matthew 19:14) "...from the lips of children and infants, You, Lord, have called forth Your praise." (Matthew 21:16) "Whomever welcomes these little children in My name, welcomes Me." (Mark 9:37) and so many more which remind us how important all children of all ages are to HIM. Adults are children in His eyes and heart. We are ALL near and dear to HIM.

We baptized 9 children this year.

Anyone interested in knowing more about this program can contact Sherry Sebert, church mailbox 592. Blessings to you in 2018.

Storyhour

St. Paul offered this Preschool activity free of charge. Lori Osborn led the group with parent volunteers funding the expenses. The class is offered 1 day a week throughout the school year, September through May. Each week the children meet in the nursery. They enjoy social time, a Bible Story, activities of games, songs, crafts and a snack. The lessons follow the Bible stories according to the Church year. We begin with Creation, Old Testament, then the New Testament; Jesus' Birth and Resurrection are some highlights.

This program is open to all Preschool children. We currently have members of St. Paul and children from the community (non members). It is a great outreach program and continues to welcome new members to our group and our church.

Dorcas Lutheran Women in Mission

President: Luanne Jaruzel
V. President: Janice McKee
Treasurer: Sharon Jensen
Secretary: Sherry Sebert

January: Tea party between services January 22nd. Open to all. Just bring your tea or coffee cup.

February: Kathy Gentry, marketing director for Sloan Museum, Longway Planetarium and Buick Gallery shared on the current exhibit of the Titanic; which included unique one of a kind displays just for Michigan or Michigan residents on the Titanic. Kathy Kaps is our monthly project that followed the meeting. These are distributed three times a year to cancer victims at Covenant and St. Mary's Hospitals.

March: Nate Kern was guest speaker and shared his experiences working with the Mission of Hope-Haiti, which included, but was not limited to training farmers, serving daily nutrition meals, supplying medical needs, building homes, and bringing over 1600 people to know Jesus. Nate is one of our mission students we support.

April: Wellspring meeting attended by Fran Carnet; Secret Angels were revealed at the Confirmation luncheon, April 30th. Chester Frank was in attendance to speak on the quilting machine he purchased and donated to the Dorcas LWML, which also comes with FREE sewing classes for lifetime of ownership. Marian Reinert shared her sincerest appreciation for this generous gift that was given in memory of his wife; along with the impact of quality our quilts and other gifts with it will have. Diane Mills approached the LWML ladies on the empty parsonage and what our interest would be in assisting in maintenance.

May: Guest speakers were President Luanne Jaruzel and MMR supervisor, Phil Petzold, giving us very helpful safety and health tips for home and when away. Demonstrations were done and tips when someone is in shock, among other medical emergency tips. Fran Carnet shared a report on the LWML Zone Spring Rally held at St. Paul, Caro. Two jean quilts were donated to homeless Vietnam Vets in Caro. Dorcas LWML was asked to make some desserts for the upcoming farewell luncheon for Pastor Abatelli and family.

June: No meeting. Bus trip to Meadowbrook Mansion, Hall and Theatre. Trip was open to everyone to join us in this tour, luncheon and show. All who attended were in awe of the history, buildings, and life behind the history. Oakland University is adjacent to this grand place.

August: Bake Sale for Old Fashioned Days. After expenses, we netted a profit of \$503.93.

September: Secret Angels for the next year were distributed. Dorcas LWML will be making the baptism cloths with the name and date embroidered on them with our new quilting machine. Upcoming Rail Trail walk for October was shared. We have been invited to an Autumn Friendship Brunch by the Millington United Methodist ladies group.

October: 358 quilts, which had been made all year by quilting volunteers on Tuesdays, were taken to St. Mark's in Flint to then be taken to World Relief for distribution. LWML Zone had their fall rally at St. Lorenz, Frankemuth. The new logo for the organization was introduced. Heart = love; Drop = blood of Christ; Cross = the purpose of LWML. Historian Lori Osborn shared that the "Pretzel Bible" from past member, Edna Keinath, told us in 1985 we sold them at the Bazaar for 75 cents (6 in a package) after the ladies themselves bought and ate theirs. Flour for pretzels was always donated by Star of the West, who in return received a bounty of pretzels from us as a thank you. Our consulting committee for the Tier Program came up with the guidelines of: giving 10% of trip with an overall \$500.00 maximum donation for any one going on mission trips and seeking support.

November: Results of the Dorcas LWML elections are: Secretary-Sherry Sebert; Vice Pres.-Diane Maxson. Tim Kern was guest speaker. He wanted to thank the Dorcas LWML for all they are doing to assist in the purchase of his books. He then shared insight into what the Christmas story was from Matthew's perspective, as well as Luke's. We always enjoy the Luke version of joy, angels singing, and peace on earth; yet Matthew shared the peace that was absent on the earth, the death of infants because of the ruler at the time and the despair and heartache that came as a result. In reality, our Christmas is more like Matthew's version with the promise that Luke gives through his. Immanuel, God with us. We reviewed our year end donations for approval from the group.

LWML Pledge: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption, we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have, and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge to Him our willing service wherever and whenever He hath need of us. We concentrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every poster of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

All young ladies and women from 8th grade on up are always welcome to join our meeting held the third Tuesday at 6PM February through May, September through November.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry J. Sebert, Secretary

Quilting

We meet every Tuesday from 1-3PM in the Parish Hall throughout the school year. About 7-10 ladies help make quilts for World Relief, local donations and the Dorcas Bazaar. They are given to needy families at Christmas through our Giving Tree project and the other needy organizations such as the Saginaw Rescue Mission and Bethesda.

Donations of sheets, lightweight blankets and material have been generously provided for all the World Relief Quilts and are always accepted.

Summary of Regular Services

Attendance 2017

<u>Month #:</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>8:30AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	383	695	626	1704
Average:	77	139	125	341
2	272	690	538	1500
Average:	68	173	135	375
3	257	593	638	1488
Average:	64	148	160	372
4	390	954	891	2235
Average:	78	191	178	447
5	229	702	664	1595
Average:	57	176	166	399
6	224	705	420	1349
Average:	56	176	105	337
7	292	646	441	1379
Average:	58	129	88	276
8	207	518	419	1144
Average:	52	130	105	286
9	222	581	522	1325
Average:	56	145	131	331
10	270	824	696	1790
Average:	54	165	139	358
11	237	629	528	1394
Average:	59	157	132	349
12	197	568	457	1222
Average:	49	142	114	306

YTD Totals

	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>8 :30AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>	<u>Total</u>
YTD Tot:	3180	8105	6840	18125
YTD Avg:	61	156	132	349

Special Services 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
3/1/17	Lent	95
3/8/17	Lent	70
3/15/17	Lent	129
3/22/17	Lent	128
3/29/17	Lent	68
4/5/17	Lent	67
4/13/17	Maundy Thurs.	117
4/14/17	Good Friday	121
4/14/17	Good Friday Tenebrae	95
11/23/17	Thanksgiving	158
11/29/17	Advent	112
12/3/17	Choir Concert	370
12/6/17	Advent	78
12/13/17	Advent	28 Snow!
12/24/17 (Combined 10AM service on Sun.)	Christmas Eve Day	252
12/24/17	Candlelight	205
12/25/17	Christmas Day	130

Membership Activities

Baptisms

Londyn Renee Mason
Faydra Jane Myers
Kolten Michael Long
Nora Elisa Romain
Violet Rae Sabgash
Benjamin Henry Graham
Ben Andrew Boerneke
Brady William Snyder
Lincoln Lee Tolbert

Adult Baptisms

Mandy Skinner

Confirmands

Hunter Michael Ayotte
Benjamin Conrad Daenzer
Madelyn Viola Gray
Hailey Ann Ill
Hannah Lynn Ill
Levi James Keinath
Landon Larry Kern
Alison Mackenzie Reinig
Kirsten Joy Skouson
Anika Rae Sykes

Adult Confirmands

Mandy Skinner
Kadi Morse
Mark Romain

Weddings

Funerals

Rudolph Saeger
Wilfred Schultz
William White
William Bretzloff
Cynthia Miller
Gerald Keinath
Theda Dianne Sebert
Loraine H. Petzold
Arthur Saeger
David Sebert
Henry Mohr
Homer Harpst
Erwin Weber

Transfer In

Cathy & Ian Gentry
Brenda Hoskey
Leslie Trinklein
Children: Carly & Brady
Linda Schmidt

Reinstate

Lisa Bach

Transfer Out

Gerald & Judy Koeltzow	St. Martin's, Birch Run
Katherine Grulke	St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth
Judith Atkins	St. Martin's, Birch Run
Pastor & Katie Abatelli	Faith, Oak Ridge, TN
Children: Jacob & Madeline	
Brian & Mary Rony	First Lutheran, Charlotte, MI
Children: Braylon & Tyler	
Brittany Holden	Peace, Saginaw
Bob & Angi O'Neil & Children	St. Lorenz, Frankenmuth

Released

Jason & Heather Jones	First Wesleyan, Flint
Children: Joshua Minnock & Rebekah Jones	
Corey Stratton	
Todd Nelson	St. Luke's, Vassar
Lucas White	

Profession of Faith

Taren, Nicholas, & Casen Ewing
Sheri Webster

Church Music

Church Choir

St. Paul's Church Choir used their musical talents this year to praise God in a number of ways. They participated in the Christmas Concert and sang for regular and festival services. Fellowship events included gathering at a member's home for a potluck and rehearsal, as well as planning and hosting Lenten and Advent suppers. They led the singing on the church float for the Community Christmas in the Village event. A highlight for several members was participating in a mass choir (1000+ members) for a celebration service in honor of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Sopranos

Luann Licavoli
Julie Weiss
Shirley Snyder
Betty Jackson
Dawn Devereaux
Millie Mauer
Maylynne Wager
Donna Kohler
Gail Brown
Diane Bishop
Samantha Bishop

Basses

Willard Petzold
Dale Higgins
Mark Wyman
Kent Singer
Tim Singer

Altos

Diane Mills
Faith Damm
Diane Ackerman
Eileen Ziegler
Julie Keinath

Tenors

Jim Weber
David Ackerman
Jon Keinath
Carolyn Petzold
Luanne Jaruzel
Erin Schmandt
Aaron Singer

Organists

Teresa Walter and Janette Keinath served as organists for the worship services here at St. Paul Lutheran Church during 2017.

Praise Team

The Praise Team leads the Contemporary Worship services on the 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month at 11AM. Practices are every Thursday at 6:15PM. Singers or instrumentalists are welcome to join at any time.

Handbells

Connie Damm
Celeste Ketels
Isabel Ketels
Denise Miller
Lisa Mohr
Shelley Shollack
Katherine Weber

Brass

The Brass Band took on a challenge in the fall of 2016 that they would dedicate a year in practicing some Bach selections (Martin Luther and Bach were great friends) to play for the 500th Anniversary Celebration in October, 2017. Our brass accomplished this task of learning difficult music, wonderfully, and we are so blessed to have such talented players. To God be the glory! The brass also played for the festival services throughout the church calendar year; played the Veteran's salute on Memorial Day Weekend and for the Christmas Choir Concert in early December.

Instrumentalists are:

Trumpeters: Sterling Force, Connie Rodammer, and Tim Kern on occasion
French Horn: Erin Schmandt
Trombones: Aaron and Kent Singer
Tuba: Tim Singer
Percussion: Pierce Force
Paige Ayotte

2018 Ushers

Team A

Feb., May, Aug., Nov.

8:30AM Service

Captain – Phil Gordon
Assistant – Ron Johnson
Dave Ackerman
Wanda Johnson
James Kribs
James Petzold
Larry Petzold
Peter Shollack
Andrew Weber

11AM Service

Captain – Dick Gross
Assistant – Arnold Petzold
Kenton Gleason
Tom Keinath
Phil Petzold

7:30PM Service

Captain – Brian Gladly
Mason Lugg
Dale Peche

Team B

Mar., June, Sept., Dec.

8:30AM Service

Captain – Dwight Keinath
Assistant – Michael Albert
Ken Auernhammer
Colin Meacham
Daniel Meacham
Lester Miller
Jeremy Petzold
Luke Platt
Matt Singer
Eugene Weiss
Bud Zeck
Mike Ziegler

11AM Service

Captain – Richard Harpst
Assistant – Jay Rodammer
Mike Hoard
Heath Keinath
John Petzold
Michael Rader
Mark Rude
Hans Schmandt

7:30PM Service

Captain – Jim Jaruzel
Sheila Haynes

Team C

Jan., April, July, Oct.

8:30AM Service

Captain – Glenn Brown
Gale Brown
Armand Carmona
Fay Carmona
Mike Kern
Ron Schiefer
Gary Wagner
Bob Wager
Bill Weber
Duane Weber
Katherine Weber
Ed White

11AM Service

Captain – Tim Daenzer
Assistant – Tim Brown
Matt Ayotte
Abby Brown
Corey Daenzer
Larry Henderson
Jason Ketels
Arlyn Marks
Rod Wilson

7:30PM Service

Captain – Jeffrey Yorke
Chad Fackler
Marc Keinath

Sextons

Ted & Katrina Wager
Matt & Angie Ayotte
Ed & Marcia Keinath
Rod & Nancy Wilson
Armand & Faye Carmona

Greeters

1st Saturday
1st Sunday
8:30AM
11AM

Shelli Lugg

Shirley Petzold
Les & Diane Maxson,
Ron & Olga Nims

2nd Saturday
2nd Sunday
8:30AM
11AM

Betty Bleuer

Ken & Kathy Ill
LuAnn Licavoli,
Wayne & Luanne Jaruzel

3rd Saturday
3rd Sunday
8:30AM
11AM

Laura Sherman

Rosie Horning,
Dale & Pam Hanlin,
Keith & Heidi Woolwine

4th Saturday
4th Sunday
8:30AM
11AM

Greeter Subs Denise Miller & Sherry Sebert

Acolytes

Danielle Ayotte
Paige Ayotte
Kailee Fackler
Andrew Hoard
Emma Hoard
Ryan Keinath
Isabel Ketels
Alden Rodammer
Brandon Rude
Peyton Schmandt
Lillia Sherman
Carly Trinklein
Nic Yorke

Screen Techs

Danielle Ayotte
Paige Ayotte
Hunter Ayotte
Emily Bailey
Julie Keinath
Nathan Phipps
Brandon Rude
The Singers

Altar Guild

This year we saw a few changes in the Altar Guild. Sonja Russell stepped down from communion set up and Shelli Lugg not only helped with communion set, up but also teamed up with Sandy Weber and Katherine Weber to do Chancel Committee for the months of July and August. In December, Marlene Stratton, Linda Dues, and Janet Reinert also stepped down from Chancel Committee.

We are learning about the correct amount of gluten free wafers to add to communion this year and the addition of bottled wine. We are working through that change.

In December, Memorials paid for a new chalice, as the old one was cracked and it was put into use in early 2018.

Director - Lisa Rodammer 871-6631

VP & Gift Case Director - Marie Ross

Vestments & Linens - Loraine Petzold

Communion Assistance - Sue Howay/Laura Sherman

Chancel Committee

Heather Sergent	Jan/Feb/Mar
Lisa Rodammer	April/June
Connie Rodammer	May
Sandy Weber, Shelli Lugg, Katherine Weber	July/Aug Sep/Oct/Nov/Dec

Vestments & Linens

Karen Graham	Jan/Feb/Aug
Lorine Petzold	Mar/Apr/Dec
Shirley Petzold	May/June/Jul
Diane Blue	Sep/Oct/Nov

Gift Case

Lillian Sergent	Sat. Night	Jan-Dec
Wanda Johnson	Sun 8:30	May/Aug/Nov
Marie Ross/Ruth Ann Petzold	Sun	Jan-Dec

Communion Set-up

Saturday Night Set Up

Lillian Sergent	Jan/Mar/Dec
Shelli Lugg	Feb/Oct
Amy Yorke	Apr/May/June
Diane Mills	Jul/Aug
Kim Reinig	Sep/Nov

Sunday 8:30 Service

Pam Ill	Jan/Feb/Oct
Vicki Albert	Mar/Apr May
Angie Zeck	Jun
Joyce Wager	Dec

Sunday 11:00 Service

Lisa Rodammer/Heather Petzold	Jan/Feb
Pam Hanlin	Mar/June
Kristin Hoard/Julie Rude	Apr/May
Betty DeOrnellas/Melissa Adams	Jul/Aug (10AM)
Bonnie Wittum	Sept/Oct
Jan McKee	Dec

St. Paul Tellers

Head Teller/Bookkeeper: Luann Licavoli 871-3724

Team 1:

Heather Sergent, Captain	871-5795
Sue Howay	871-9046
Alex Sergent	871-5795
Hannah Sergent	871-5795
Laura Sherman	871-5799
Kimberly Torrey	871-9872

Team 2:

Lloyd & Norma Taylor, Captains	871-3443
William & Yvonne Bishop	871-9786
Lorie Keinath	871-3739
Janette Reinert	871-3533

Team 3:

Linda Kester, Captain	871-4787
Sue Fabbro	871-4496
Sharon Gross	871-2379
Connie Keinath	871-4125

Team 4:

Luann Licavoli, Captain	871-3724
Karen Dumler	871-2540
Sherry Sebert	871-3084
Bonnie Wittum	871-9452
Linda Dues, Substitute	
Cindy Morey, Substitute	871-9302

Team 5:

Janice Schiefer, Captain	871-3971
Linda Kester	871-4787
Rachel Higgins	989-980-9828

Team 6:

Sheila Hebner, Captain	871-2959
Matt & Angie Ayotte	989-751-3558

Please Note:

Teams 1 through 4 count regular services on an every 4th week rotation.

Teams 1, 3, & 4 count on their assigned Sunday after second service. Team 2 counts on the Monday following their assigned Sunday.

Team 5 is the special services team assigned to count such services as: New Year's, Lent, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas Concert, Children's Christmas, Christmas Eve, Christmas, Etc. They generally count the day after the service. If a special service falls on a Sunday AM, it is counted by the regular services team.

Team 6 is the Sunday School Team. They count following Sunday School.

Memorials

Name	Bal. 1-1-17	Income	Expense	Transfer	Bal. 12-31-17
AGAPE	10.00			10.00	-0-
Altar Flowers	59.00			59.00	-0-
Brass Music	49.20			49.20	-0-
Brick Savings Acct.	324.93			324.93	-0-
Building Fund	-0-	2,344.93	2,344.93		-0-
CAMP	125.81			125.81	-0-
Choir Fund	4,425.32		204.39	4,220.93	-0-
Christian Care	683.78		314.26	369.52	-0-
Christian Tapes	571.88			571.88	-0-
Christmas Decorations	125.00			125.00	-0-
Church Recordings CDs	240.05			240.05	-0-
Cradle Roll	234.64			234.64	-0-
Don Haines Scholarship	5,830.00		750.00		5,080.00
Fellowship & Youth	603.84				603.84
Gary Horning Scholarship	100.00			100.00	-0-
General Fund	-0-	6,856.00	6,856.00		-0-
Good Samaritan	230.59		40.00	190.59	-0-
Handbells	295.52	650.00	650.00	295.52	-0-
Hearing Aids	160.00			160.00	-0-
Historical	3,350.49		193.67		3,156.82
Kitchen Fund	-0-	60.00	60.00		-0-
LWML	-0-				-0-
LYF	350.00			350.00	-0-
Memorials Undesignated	1,700.58	28,766.97	2,681.72		27,785.83
Missions	-0-				-0-
New Organ Enhancement	46.66			46.66	-0-
Organ	30.00			30.00	-0-
Parking Lot Salt	800.00			800.00	-0-
Paving & Landscaping	549.70			549.70	-0-
Playground	261.00			261.00	-0-
Praise Team	1,269.47			1,269.47	-0-
Puppet Ministry	187.20			187.20	-0-
Seminary	465.22	50.00		515.22	-0-
Seminary-Tim Kern	10,876.50	100.40	8,086.00		2,890.90
Sm. Group Bible Study	20.00			20.00	-0-
Sound System	125.00			125.00	-0-
Stephen Ministry	179.01	15.00	130.00	64.01	-0-
Storage Building	845.63			845.63	-0-
Story Hour	210.01			210.01	-0-
Student Aid Luth. College	227.00		227.00		-0-
Sunday School	127.47			127.47	-0-
Warm Hearts for Jesus	681.91			681.91	-0-

Memorials Continued

Desig. Library P. Hunt	0.21			0.21	-0-
Desig. Tech P. Hunt	600.00			600.00	-0-
First Grade Story Bibles	350.00			350.00	-0-
Kindergarten	80.00			80.00	-0-
Library	-0-				-0-
Preschool	50.00			50.00	-0-
School Non-specified	220.00	2,965.00	2,945.00	240.00	-0-
Student Aid	75.00			75.00	-0-
Designated	-0-				-0-
Send Out Cards	-0-				-0-
School Schol. Tuition Fund	-0-				-0-
Deep Fryer Fund		955.00		955.00	-0-
Subtotal	\$37,747.62	\$42,763.30	\$25,562.97	\$15,430.56	\$39,517.39
Family Designated					
Damm, Martin Sr.	570.00			570.00	-0-
Hunt, Viola (Hearing Aid)	158.00			158.00	-0-
Mohr, Barbara	25.00			25.00	-0-
Petzold, Roy	894.08			894.08	-0-
Petzold, Shirley L.	2,420.00				2,420.00
Saeger, Luella	20.00	600.00		620.00	-0-
Snover, Mary	163.45			163.45	-0-
Weber, Ilene	211.03			211.03	-0-
Saeger, Rudy		20.00		20.00	-0-
Bretzloff, Bill		40.00		40.00	-0-
Rogers, Paris		500.00		500.00	-0-
Person Designated					
Rodammer, Constance	431.27		20.00	411.27	-0-
Estate Designated					
Ferber, Ralph & Edna	40,492.43		34,390.00	6,102.43	-0-
Total Memorials	83,132.88	43,923.30	59,972.97	25,145.82	41,937.39

Trust & Investment

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

TRUST & INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT OF INCOME FOR PERIOD 1/1/2017 THRU 12/31/2017

Merrill Lynch CMA Account

Balance cash on hand 1/1/2017		\$	273,198.92
Receipts:			
ML Checking Interest	9.84		
ML Deposit Program	35.00		
ML CD Interest	1,077.24		
ML Preferred Stocks Dividend	7,087.36		
Church Extension Fund Interest			
Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburg Inter-Farm Bureau	8,233.66		
	1,250.00		
Refund Board of Trus-	1,531.75		
Richard Petzold Estate	17,956.80		
James W. & Vera A. Kern Estate	25,896.94		
Total Receipts 2017			63,802.82
Disbursement:			
Merrill Lynch Fee	80.00		
Check Fees	2.55		
Merrill Lynch Investment Fees	1,810.15		
Board of Trustees	9,777.71		
Board of Education			
Purchase CD Merrill	110,000.00		
Purchase Preferred Stock Merrill	174,787.28		
Purchase Greater Beneficial Union of Pitts-	9,048.00		
Total Disbursement 2017			306,165.69
Balance cash on hand 12/31/2017			30,836.05
Principal in Merrill Lynch CMA			18.46
Amount Committed 2017 Not			4,649.20
Balance to Spend in 2018		\$	26,168.39

Inventory of Investment @ 12/31/2017

Merrill Lynch CMA Account	\$	30,836.05
Merrill Lynch Certificate of Deposits		
CD Bank of China 1.0% due 2/15/2018	\$	22,000.00
CD Wells Fargo 1.55% due 2/15/2019	\$	22,000.00
CD Wells Fargo 1.75% due 2/15/2020	\$	22,000.00
CD Capital One Bank 2.05 due 2/16/2021	\$	22,000.00
CD State Bank of India 2.3% 2/24/2022	\$	22,000.00
Merrill Lynch Preferred Stocks @ Cost		
BB&T Corp. 5.20%	\$	19,811.79
Dominion Energy Inc. 5.25%	\$	19,762.15
First Republic Bank 5.50%	\$	19,767.96
Gabelli Multimedia Trust 5.125%	\$	18,092.18
Nextera Energy Capital Holdings 5.25%	\$	19,820.05
OM Asset Management PLC 5.125%	\$	18,116.11
PNC Financial Service Group 5.375%	\$	19,784.08
Renaissancere Holdings Ltd. 5.375%	\$	19,828.72
Wells Fargo & Company 5.50%	\$	19,804.24
Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburg (Interest rate 4.00%) No Maturity Date		207,554.43
Church Extension Fund		
2.00% due 2/3/2022		10,000.00
1.5% due 3/22/2018		20,000.00
5 Yr. Variable Cert. due 1/22/2020 (Current Int. Rate 2.0%)		10,804.48
Farm Bureau 2.5% due 6/8/2019		50,000.00
Inventory of Investment @ 12/31/2017	\$	613,982.24

Trust Investment Committee

Chairman, Richard Gladly
Secretary, Mary Jane Shreve
Treasurer, Michael Kern

Member, Steven Kern
Member, Edward Keinath
Member, Roger Wendt

Board of Finance

St Paul Ev Lutheran Congregation	
General Fund Income & Expenses	
July 2016 - June 2017	
	Total
Revenue	
40000 General Operating Revenue	0.00
40200 Education	0.00
40201 Prior Year Balances	31,311.08
40202 Tuition - Preschool	19,349.98
40203 Tuition - K-8 Member	72,476.25
40204 Tuition - K-8 Community	65,821.18
40206 Processing Fees	1,575.98
41213 (Church GF) Child Care / Latchkey / Preschool	77,366.34
Total 40200 Education	\$ 267,900.81
40300 Elders	0.00
Total 40300 Elders	\$ 2,750.51
40500 Finance	0.00
40501 Envelopes - General	631,196.41
40502 Other Revenue	69,788.49
40503 Plate - Cash	22,333.10
40504 Other Offerings	15,945.05
40505 Interest Earned	0.00
Total 40500 Finance	\$ 739,263.05
40800 Trustees	0.00
40801 Rental Revenue	4,036.99
40802 Other Revenue	2,175.00
Total 40800 Trustees	\$ 6,211.99
Total 40000 General Operating Revenue	\$ 1,016,126.36
Total Revenue	\$ 1,016,126.36
Gross Profit	\$ 1,016,126.36
Expenditures	
50000 General Operating Expense	0.00
50300 Elders - General Fund	0.00
Total 50300 Elders - General Fund	\$ 13,132.78
50500 Finance	0.00
Total 50500 Finance	\$ 7,295.08
50600 Salary & Personnel	0.00
50601 Independent Contractors	7,089.08
Total 50600 Salary & Personnel	\$ 7,089.08
50750 Stewardship	1,485.82
50800 Trustees	0.00
Total 50800 Trustees	\$ 93,034.85
55000 Wages - Salaried	0.00
55001 Pastoral	113,792.96
55004 Teachers	355,484.68
55005 Custodial	33,769.44

Total 55000 Wages - Salaried	\$ 503,047.08
56000 Wages - Hourly	0.00
56001 Administrative	40,508.11
56002 Child Care / Latchkey Lead	28,534.63
56003 Child Care / Latchkey Aides	22,977.78
56004 Custodial	13,450.20
56005 Lunch Workers	23,281.66
56007 Organists	4,213.00
56008 Preschool	11,949.20
Total 56000 Wages - Hourly	\$ 144,914.58
57000 Employer Paid Taxes / Benefits	0.00
57001 Health Insurance	147,118.03
57003 SS/Medicare Employer Taxes	21,217.03
57005 Concordia - Pension	61,521.92
Total 57000 Employer Paid Taxes / Benefits	\$ 229,856.98
Total 50000 General Operating Expense	\$ 999,856.25
Total Expenditures	\$ 999,856.25
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 16,270.11
Net Revenue	\$ 16,270.11